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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and further examination are requested. A two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Additionally, a Supplemental Information Disclosure is being filed concurrently with this Amendment.